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Bryan Day Celebrations Reach New Southern Cities; Prayer Day To Be Observed

The leading event on the university calendar for March is the annual Bryan Birthday Banquet and the Day of Prayer which follows. This year the inspiration and blessing of the occasion will be shared with those who live beyond campus limits, according to an announcement by Dr. Judson Rudd.

A Rhea County celebration is scheduled for Friday evening, March 19, in the dining room of Dayton's Hotel Aqua. Gospel Messenger teams will provide special music and there will be several short speeches by administrative officers of the university.

Similar observances of Bryan Day are being planned for Chattanooga and Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia.

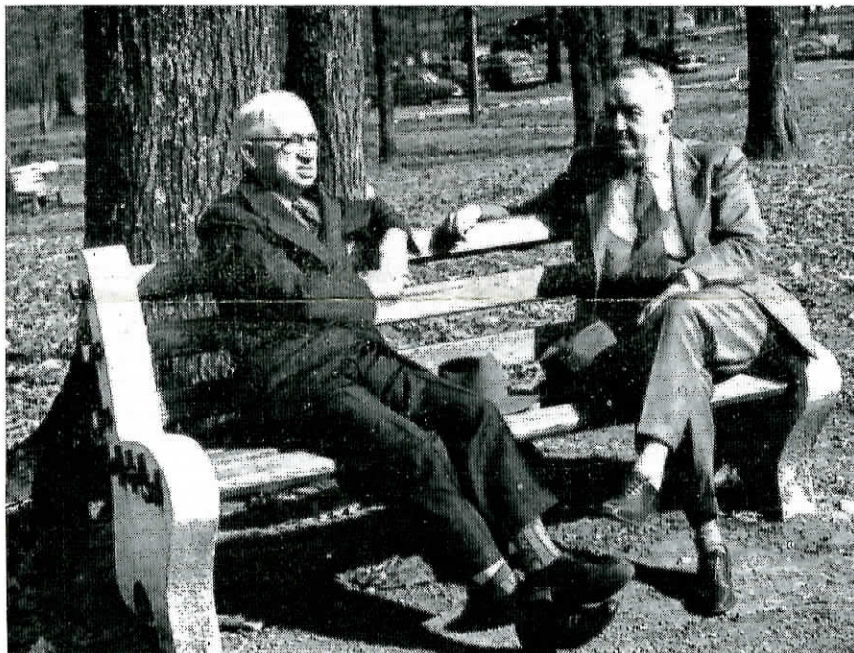
Special speaker at the school's formal banquet March 15 will be Lester E. Pipkin of Whitesville, W. Va. Mr. Pipkin, who is president of the Appalachian Bible Institute, will also deliver the Day of Prayer messages on March 16.

Friends of the university are urged to join in observing this period of intercession in remembering the needs of the school.

Atomic Scientist Addresses Gamma Chi Annual Banquet; Woughter, Sharp Give Lectures at Monthly Meeting

Dr. Justin Long of the Atomic Research Commission addressed more than 50 members and guests of Bryan's science club at its annual formal banquet February 15.

Speaking to fellow Christians interested in the field of science, Dr. Long encouraged his listeners to be faithful in their relationship to Christ rather than to seek success as judged by the standards of men. The message was climaxed with the exhortation from Scripture, "That in all things He might have preeminence." Dr. Long,



The two Dayton druggists F. E. Robinson and F. R. Rogers, who have been closely associated with Bryan University since its beginning, relax on the campus where they are frequent visitors.

UNIVERSITY FOUNDERS CONTINUE ACTIVE SERVICE

Entwined with the origin and history of the William Jennings Bryan University are the lives of two Dayton, Tennessee, druggists, F. E. Robinson and F. R. Rogers. Both of these men knew Mr. Bryan, both assisted in the founding of the university, and both con-

tinue in their interest and labors until now.

The famous Scopes Trial which brought William Jennings Bryan to Dayton had its inception in a discussion which started in the Robinson Drug Store on Main Street. "Mister Earl," as his friends call him, is still happy to show the original table "where it all started" and to tell interested visitors some of the intimate facts relative to the case. He was the original chairman of the Board of Trustees of the university. There has been no other chairman, and no one else has shown a more devoted interest in the development of the school.

At the time Mr. Bryan passed away in Dayton after winning his noted victory over Clarence Darrow in the evolution fight, he was staying with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers. It was from their home

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From My Heart to You

Shortly after an announcement was made in 1926 that there would be a university established in Dayton, Tennessee, as a memorial to



William Jennings Bryan, a letter was received from one of our outstanding Christian friends which expressed the sentiment of so many at that time. She wrote, "Do let us have a school in Dayton to teach that we believe the Bible is the Word of God, even if it can only be in a log cabin."

Discerning Christians everywhere grasped the significance of Mr. Bryan's testimony for Christ and the Bible, and they were not deceived by those who scoffed.

Mr. Bryan himself felt that the days spent here in Dayton climaxed his life's work. Throughout his life of political activity he had always welcomed every opportunity to witness to his faith before large church audiences. He particularly delighted in speaking before YMCA groups because of the opportunity it afforded to reach those who would become leaders in Christian activities. As Mr. Bryan became more and more aware of the inroads of higher criticism and modernism, he gave more of his time to the making of addresses before gatherings of young people. There was hardly a college of any size in the country where he had not given his testimony for Christ and the Bible. In the last years of his life he spoke before a number of state legislatures because of his concern over the trend of teaching in high school science courses. In coming to Dayton, for his famous court defense of the Word of God, Mr. Bryan was simply taking the next step as he followed God's leading.

The support that Bryan University received from the public in the early days, in spite of the depression, was an expression of appreciation for the life and testimony of William Jennings Bryan. More than "a log cabin" was envisioned and undertaken. Years have passed, but those who know Bryan University best and what it stands for continue to support its

ministry. Through the years we have sought to make Bryan University more than a memorial to a great man. We have felt that the school should be more than just another college. Our objective is stated in the charter and every effort has been made to make and keep Bryan University "distinctly Christian and spiritual." We use the motto, "Christ Above All," as an expression of our dedication to make every study and every activity Christ-centered.

While our major emphasis is upon Christ and the Bible, it is only fitting and proper that we should honor William Jennings Bryan as the human vessel that was used of the Lord to proclaim the truth. On Mr. Bryan's birthday, March 19, we find great blessing in paying our respects to one who spent his last days as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Our friends, many of whom knew and loved Mr. Bryan, find great satisfaction in giving a birthday gift to Bryan University in memory of him. These gifts are received and used with the recognition that they are not only an expression of appreciation for Mr. Bryan but also a personal testimony on the part of the donors that they, too, have faith in both the Living Word and the written Word of God.

Through the years of construction on the memorial building, we have considered it as a means to an end. An investment in the lives of godly young people is more important than an investment in brick and stone unless the brick and stone be used for God's glory. Funds are needed for operating expenses. Pray for this need. It is not only desirable that this building be completed as a memorial to Mr. Bryan but it is necessary that it be completed to provide the accommodations required for a larger student body.

I do hope that those with feelings such as expressed by our friend in 1923 will continue to pray and give that the work will go forward.

Judson Rudd

President

C. E. Leaders, Young People Hear Bryan Bible Teacher

Miss Alma Rader, instructor in Bible, addressed about forty prospective Child Evangelism teachers and hostesses in Knoxville, Tennessee, February 22. Her message on prayer provided a keynote for the organization of the Child Evangelism movement in that city under the supervision of Miss Nan Snodgrass, state director.

Also in Knoxville Miss Rader spoke on the theme of Christian living to the young people at the Inskip Presbyterian Church of which the Rev. Horace Hilton is pastor.

In a week of evening classes with studies from the Psalms, Miss Rader recently instructed Sunday school teachers and other church members of the First Baptist Church in Dayton.

Valentine Program Recalls Memories of Gay Nineties

Songs, games, and skits taken from the pages of the Old Family Album brought back memories of yesteryears at the all-school Valentine party held Saturday, February 13.

To get the program under way master of ceremonies John Rathbun led the group of nearly 250 in the old favorites that "Gramps" sang when he was courting "Grandma."

The girls' trio, Virginia Seguire, Gladys Mighells, and Pearl Rathbun, and baritone soloist James Reese provided the musical background for the skits.

The crowning of the king and queen, Richard Baxter and Mary Barth, climaxed the evening. Members of the court were Robert Lehnhart, Kenneth Campbell, Lawrence Schatz, John Hicks, Lois Frieswyk, Alice McLeod, Shirley Jurliss, and June Hively. In keeping with the theme, their majesties and the court were dressed in the colorful style of the Gay Nineties. The king and queen, who rode in on a bicycle built for two, were presented with a Valentine cake.

After light refreshments were served, Robert Mashburn led in a devotional centered on spiritual memories.

Speakers Present Mission Fields On Four Continents; Linguists, Aviators Speed Gospel To Unevangelized Tribes

Mrs. Orville Carlson, the former Hazel Waller, a 1943 graduate, presented the challenge of the mission endeavor recently begun in Thailand by the China Inland Mission Overseas Missionary Fellowship at the chapel hour February 2.

Mrs. Carlson and her husband were missionaries in China until the Communist occupation made it necessary for them to leave. They spent one year in Burma before entering Thailand to begin a work there. During their present furlough, the Carlsons are traveling in the United States and Canada.

Miss Betty Green described the unique ministry of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship February 4. The fellowship, which was started by a nucleus of pilots shortly after World War II, assists missions in Latin America, Africa, and several Pacific Island groups by surveying new fields, providing transportation inland where overland travel is difficult or virtually impossible, and helping to meet emergencies on the field.

Miss Rachel Saint, a missionary to the Indians of Peru with the Wycliffe Bible Translators; the

Rev. Lehman Keener, field representative of the Unevangelized Fields Mission; and the Rev. Charles Frame, who is serving the Sudan Interior Mission, were speakers during the week of February 7.

Other February speakers were the Rev. W. A. Haggai, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Binghamton, New York, and the Rev. Bruce Dodd, director of the Big Brother Tract Band and secretary of the Christian Military Men's Committee.

Student Body Elects Officers; Forensic Committee Appointed

Senior Robert Clouse of Mansfield, Ohio, was chosen president of the Student Council at a recent election held by the student body. Seymour Ashley, a junior of Phoenix, Arizona, was elected vice-president. Both are new members of the council replacing Howard Park and Thomas Hicks.

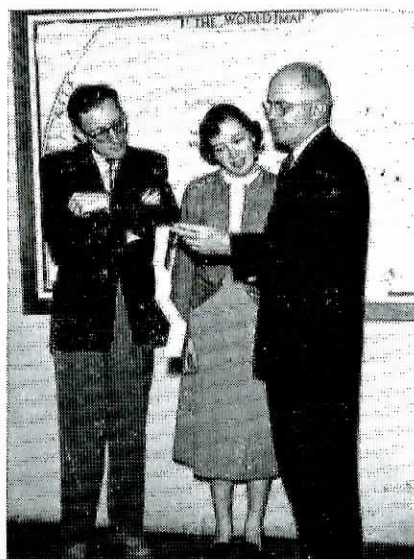
Freshman students chosen to represent their class on the council are Shirley Jurliss of Mansfield, Ohio, and Rogers Havird of Savannah, Georgia.

The council has announced that two members from each class have been appointed to plan the spring forensic activities program. Members of the committee are the following: seniors, Thomas Taylor and Audrey Mayer; juniors, Milton Kier and Martha Sheffield; sophomores, Wilbur Pickering and Alice McLeod; and freshmen, Rogers Havird and Shirley Pitcher.

Adams Takes Cuba Cruise On Naval Reserve Duty

Robert G. Adams, business manager, returned to the university campus February 7 after taking a two-week cruise to Havana, Cuba, filling a special assignment as a reserve officer with the U. S. Navy.

After an air flight from Chattanooga, Mr. Adams boarded a destroyer escort, the P. C. E. 907, at Pensacola, Florida, to take specialized training with the Navy supply corps. While in Cuba, Mr. Adams visited a number of its port cities.



R. E. Maynard, Joan Harrington, and Dean Ryther, members of the Missionary Fund Committee, tabulate the nearly 200 foreign mission pledges made at the recent missionary conference.

FMF Spurs Missionary Fund To Support Bryan Alumni

To provide an outlet for the growing missionary emphasis at Bryan, the Foreign Missions Fellowship introduced a "faith-premise" system at its January conference. The system is based on yearly pledges to be paid in monthly installments, as a means of regular support for Bryan alumni and former faculty or staff now serving on the foreign mission field.

At the closing service of the conference, each one was given a missionary pledge card on which to write the amount of his monthly pledge. Nearly 200 pledges totaling \$7,654.40 were signed, collected and tabulated during the meeting. The Missionary Fund Committee, composed of F. M. F. president R. E. Maynard, secretary Joan Harrington, and Dean D. W. Ryther, administrative representative, will select the missionaries to receive the allocations.

Although the pledge system is at present open only to those of the university family, it is hoped that in the near future the plan may be extended to include alumni, trustees, and interested friends who would like to identify themselves in this way with God's program for the salvation of the lost multitudes.

FOUNDERS CONTINUE SERVICE

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that he took his departure to the home above. Also a member of the Board of Trustees of the university, "Doctor" Rogers is a great friend of the students. He regularly visits the chapel services and other functions on the hill, and together with his wife (who is an excellent cook) prepares a reception for the new students each fall. Almost all the students are known to him by name and he keenly remembers those of past years, and follows with interest their progress in the world.

These men are good samples of the friendship which Dayton has had toward its Christian college. They, along with other faithful friends, have constituted the "Living Endowment" of the school. It is the prayer of many at Bryan University that their lives and service may be extended, and that to them may be added many other such supporters.

SENIOR MEN UNDEFEATED IN BATTLE OF HARDWOOD; FRESHMEN, JUNIOR WOMEN SHARE FIRST PLACE

In a series of closely contested games in the season's basketball play-offs, the intramural scoreboard showed the senior fellows leading the class standings with a 4-0 record February 6. Next on the list were the frosh with a 3-1 record. Both teams were scheduled for two more tilts.

Senior John Rathbun (who toes the mark at six feet four inches) held the individual scoring leadership for the four games with an average of 14 points. Howard Park, a member of the junior squad, followed in second place with a 10.75 average.

In the girls' league, the freshmen and juniors were tied with a 4-1 record. Scoring leaders were Sandra Cue, junior, with an 18-point per game average, and Reita Hall, senior, with a 17.8 average.

To assist in raising funds for

the annual March of Dimes campaign in Rhea County, a team of Bryan's top basketball players and the Rhea high school alumni staged an exhibition game on the Rhea high court February 1. The final tally showed Bryan on top by 36 points with a 62-26 score. The proceeds were turned over to the polio fund.

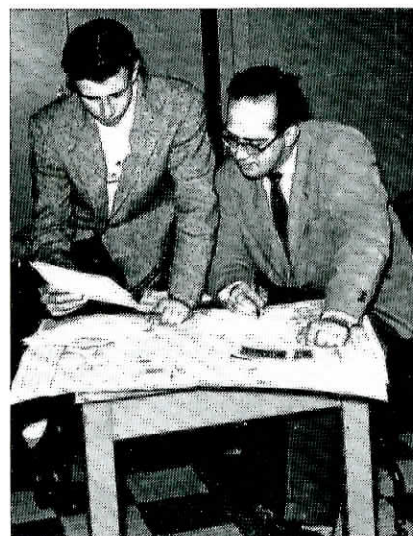
Physical Education Classes Supplement Athletic Program

Allen Jewett, who has been dividing his efforts between the athletic department and the dairy, is now devoting all his time to the school's program of physical education. The purpose of the move is to provide wholesome exercise for students who are not at present participating in intramural sports competition.

Each Saturday Mr. Jewett conducts non-credit physical education classes for fellows and girls at the Rhea high school gymnasium. The classes are on a voluntary basis, with approximately 60 students participating and interest growing.

To supplement these weekly sessions, a "work-out" room is also proving popular among the students. Equipment in this room includes two cycling machines and a rowing machine which were purchased from the government surplus agency.

Dean Piper has taken over the responsibility of farm management.



Thomas Sacher, business manager of the a cappella choir, and Gerald Woughter, director, discuss plans for the choir's spring concert tour beginning March 26.

Tennis Trainees Organize; Plan Spring Tournaments

Approximately 30 tennis enthusiasts have joined the newly organized tennis club. Training and practice sessions began early in February at the Dayton courts. An intramural tournament is being planned during the spring quarter, and inter-collegiate competition is anticipated for the near future.

James Dickson is manager and Sandra Cue assistant manager of the group. Co-sponsors are Edward Payne and Dean D. W. Ryther.

Choir Follows Northern Route In Spring Concert Travels

The Bryan A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Gerald Woughter, will present concerts in Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania on its spring tour with appointments as follows:

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| March | 26 - Roanoke, Va. |
| | 27 - Charleston, W. Va. |
| | 28 - to be filled |
| | 29 - Uniontown, Pa. |
| | 30 - Medina, O. |
| | 31 - Mansfield, O. |
| April | 1 - New London, O. |
| | 2 - East Liverpool, O. |
| | 3 - New Castle, Pa. |
| | 4 - Struthers, O. and
Columbus, O. |

Officers for the choir this year are president, David Lunney of Port Huron, Michigan; vice president, John Rathbun of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; secretary, Anna Ruth Hille of Covington, Kentucky; historian, Pearl Rathbun of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; property manager, Howard Park of Mobile, Alabama; and manager, Thomas Sacher of Syracuse, New York.

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GIFT INCOME FOR JANUARY 1954

GIFT REPORT	OPERATION	BUILDING
Gift budget per month	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Gift budget deficit, Dec. 31	4,208.82	19,791.76
Currently needed in gifts	9,208.82	24,791.76
Gift income for January	2,141.84	7,294.46
Gift budget deficit, Jan. 31	\$7,066.98	\$17,497.30